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of Indian Affairs
1853-1870



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On the two rolls of this microfilm publication are reproduced a number of unbound records of the Utah Superintendency, 1853-70.

From 1789 to 1824 Indian affairs were administered in the Office of the Secretary of War. In 1824 a separate agency, the Office of Indian Affairs, was created in the War Department. In 1849 the Office of Indian Affairs was transferred to the Department of the Interior, and in 1947 it was renamed the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

During the 19th century superintendencies and agencies were the two principal field jurisdictions of the Office of Indian Affairs. Superintendents had general responsibility for Indian affairs in a specific geographical area. Their duties included supervision of relations between the Government and the citizens of the United States and the Indian tribes, and of the conduct and accounts of the Indian agents within their jurisdiction. Agents were usually responsible for the affairs of one tribe or reservation.

The Utah Superintendency, known as the Salt Lake Agency from March 29, 1849, until the creation of Utah Territory on September 9, 1850, was established at Salt Lake City to supervise the Indians who lived in the Great Basin area between the Rocky and Sierra Nevada Mountains. The tribes in this area included the Utes, Paiute, Shoshoni (Snake), Bannock, and Pahvant. The governor of the Territory acted as ex officio Superintendent of Indian Affairs until 1857, when a full-time superintendent was appointed.

By 1855 two agencies had been established for Utah. The agents did not have specific assignments, but one usually made his headquarters at Salt Lake City and the other at Provo. Gradually three permanent agencies were formed.

The Uintah Valley (or Spanish Fork) Agency was a continuation of the original agency that had been created in 1851. It was moved from Salt Lake City to the Spanish Fork Reservation for the Ute Indians in 1859 and to the Uintah Valley in 1865. The Corn Creek and San Pete Indian Farms were located within this agency.

The Fort Bridger Agency was a continuation of the agency that was located at Provo in 1855. The agency was moved to Fort Bridger in 1861 and was given jurisdiction over the Shoshoni (Snake) and Bannock Indians. In 1869 the agency was transferred to the newly formed Wyoming Superintendency.

The Carson Valley Agency was established in 1858 for the

Paiute and Washo Indians in the western part of the Territory. In 1861 the agency was transferred to the Nevada Superintendency.

The jurisdiction of the Utah Superintendency was reduced with the creation of the new Territories and Superintendencies of Nevada and Colorado in 1861 and of Wyoming in 1868. By 1869 only the Uintah Valley Agency for the Ute Indians was left in Utah. In 1870 the Utah Superintendency was abolished.

The records of the Utah Superintendency are quite incomplete, especially before 1860, but they deal with many aspects of Indian affairs in Utah Territory. Subjects include negotiation and enforcement of treaties, removal of Indians, annuity and other payments to the Indians, location of agencies and reservations, hostilities, depredation claims, construction and repair of buildings, farming, purchase and transportation of supplies, conduct of employees, and accounts. Most of the correspondence of the superintendent was with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and employees of the superintendency.

The records reproduced in this microfilm publication consist of three series of records of the Utah Superintendency:

1. Letters Received, 1858-70. The records are arranged by source (Commissioner of Indian Affairs and others) and thereunder chronologically.
2. Letters Sent, 1857, 1859-64, and 1866-67. Handwritten drafts and copies of letters sent by the superintendent, arranged chronologically.
3. Miscellaneous Records, 1853 and 1855-70. Included are statistical reports, receipts, affidavits, vouchers, invoices, inventories, and notes.

The records are arranged chronologically except for the year 1859. For this year the records are arranged first by source (superintendent, Carson Valley Agency, Corn Creek Farm, and Miscellaneous) and thereunder chronologically.

The records reproduced in this microfilm publication are part of the records in the National Archives designated as Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Record Group 75. Related records in the same record group include Registers of Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, 1824-80 (M18), Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, 1824-80 (M234), Letters Sent by the Office of Indian Affairs, 1824-81 (M21), Report Books of the Office of Indian Affairs, 1838-85 (M348); Documents Relating to the Negotiation of Ratified and Unratified Treaties with Various Indian Tribes, 1801-69 (T494); and Special Files of the Office of Indian Affairs, 1807-1904 (M574).

Records have also been microfilmed for other superintendencies: Michigan, 1814-51 (M1), New Mexico, 1849-80 (T21), Oregon, 1848-73 (M2), Washington, 1853-74 (M5), Southern Superintendency,

1832-70 (M640), and Arizona, 1863-73 (M734).

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LIST OF OFFICIALS
1853-70
AND
DATES OF APPOINTMENTS

Commissioners of Indian Affairs

George W. Manypenny	Mar. 24, 1853
James W. Denver	Apr. 17, 1858
Charles E. Mix	June 14, 1858
James W. Denver	Nov. 8, 1858
Alfred B. Greenwood	May 4, 1859
William P. Dole	Mar. 13, 1861
Dennis N. Cooley	July 10, 1865
Lewis V. Bogy	Nov. 1, 1866
Nathaniel G. Taylor	Mar. 29, 1867
Ely S. Parker	Apr. 21, 1869

Superintendents

Brigham Young (Governor and Ex Officio Superintendent)	Sept. 28, 1850
Jacob Forney	Aug. 27, 1857
Benjamin Davies	June 21, 1860
Henry Martin	May 1, 1861
James D. Doty	Sept. 23, 1861
Thomas A. Marshall (appointed but did not serve)	July 27, 1863
Orasmus H. Irish	Feb. 2, 1864
Franklin H. Head	Mar. 21, 1866
Bvt. Col. J. E. Tourtellotte	June 10, 1869

Agents

Uintah Valley (Spanish Fork) Agency

(Salt Lake City)

Edward A. Bedell	Apr. 18, 1853
Garland Hurt	Aug. 4, 1854

(Spanish Fork)

Andrew Humphries	Jan. 19, 1859
Frederick W. Hatch	July 16, 1861
Lathrop B. Kinney	June 7, 1864

(Uintah Valley)

Lathrop B. Kinney	June 7, 1864
Dudley W. Rhodes	July 13, 1866

Parson Dodds	Feb. 10, 1868
Lt. George Graffam	June 25, 1869
John J. Critchlow	Oct. 21, 1870

Fort Bridger Agency

(Provo)

George W. Armstrong	June 8, 1855
Columbus L. Craig	Jan. 6, 1858
Robert B. Jarvis	Oct. 14, 1858
William H. Rogers	Aug. 19, 1859
William L. Brown (appointed but did not serve)	Apr. 29, 1861

(Fort Bridger)

Luther Mann	July 30, 1861
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Carson Valley Agency

Frederick Dodge	June 12, 1858
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